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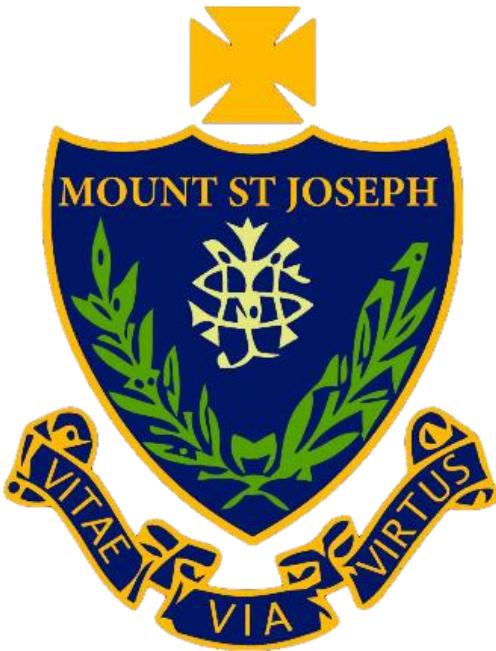
**ST TERESA**  
*of CALCUTTA*  
Catholic Academy Trust

# WB 6<sup>th</sup> January Collective Worship

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another  
1 John 1:7*



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If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

**1 John 1:7**





### ***Our School Prayer***

LORD, make me a better person, more considerate to others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be. Help me to find my true vocation in life, and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others.

St Joseph – Pray for us

St Teresa – Pray for us



Is “walking in the light” about belief, behaviour, or both?

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## Epiphany



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LISTEN

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



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The Magi travelled for a very long time in search of Jesus, the new king. At the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate how God came to the world for us all and loves everyone equally. Yet the arrival of the wise men alarmed Herod, resulting in the need for the Holy Family to escape to safety.

Look at Sr Mary Southard's painting of the Flight into Egypt on the next slide.

Imagine having to make this journey into the unknown, in search of a place of safety.

Imagine having to leave your home in the middle of the night, in fear for your life and the lives of those you love.

As we reflect on our welcome of Jesus, take the time to reflect on our welcome of migrants and all those who are looking for a place of safety today.



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Leader: Lord, we bring to you the refugees, migrants, and displaced persons of this world who are fleeing hunger and poverty, in the hope of a better, more secure life;

**All: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"**

Leader: We bring to you all who have left their homes and do not know where they will go, whose journey takes them down the road of hunger and thirst;

**All: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"**

Leader: We bring to you all who look to the past and what has been lost or left behind, and yearn for home;

**All: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"**

Leader: For the harsh and unfair judgments we have made about other's motives or the circumstances of their lives;

**All: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"**

Leader: Open the borders of our hearts and minds. Give us your grace and the will to overcome fear and prejudice and teach us to love the stranger as ourselves;

**All: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"**

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer,

**All: And let our cry come to you.**

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WE  
GATHER



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LISTEN



Listen to this piece of  
music Light of the World,  
by Lauren Deagle

Listen for words or  
phrases that challenge  
you, not just comfort you.  
As you listen offer your  
prayers for light to shine in  
the dark places of the  
world.

How can you we be light?

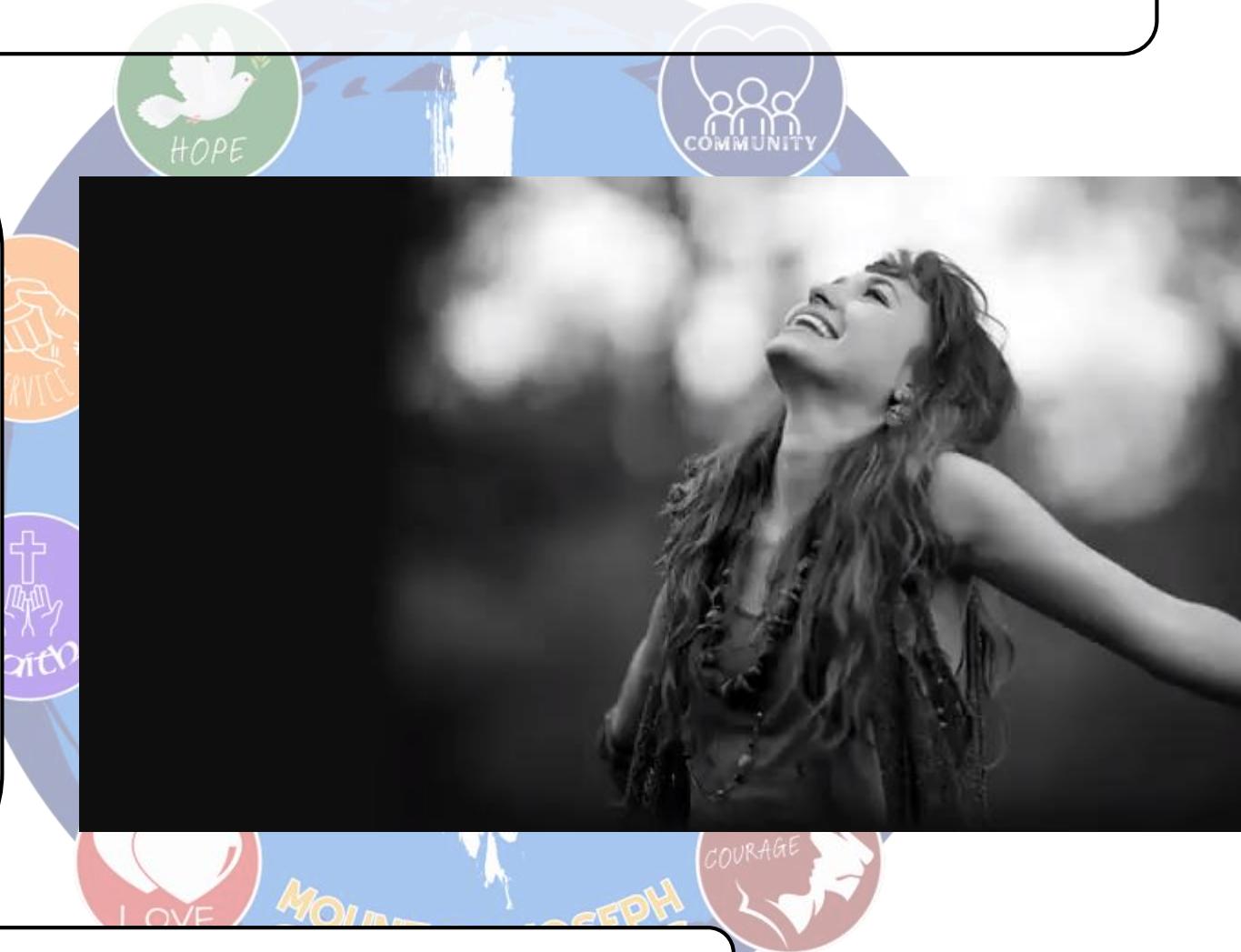
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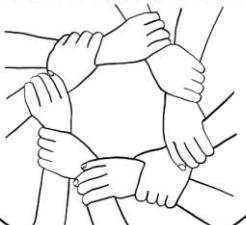
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**WE  
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**WE  
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“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”  
Psalm 119:105

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*Take some time to reflect on darkness and light.*

*If possible, darken the room and sit in the darkness.*

*-How does it feel to be in the dark?*

*-Perhaps you feel uncertain, unable to see clearly, worried even?*

*-Darkness often represents the bad, troubling and sad parts of life.*

*Is there anything you are experiencing as darkness at the moment?*

*Write or draw your 'darkness' on your candle flame and give it to God as you place it round the candle. Know that God's love is stronger than any darkness.*

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Jesus, light of the world,  
I place my trust in you. Amen.

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The light shines in  
the darkness, and  
the darkness has  
not overcome it.

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## Gospel: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

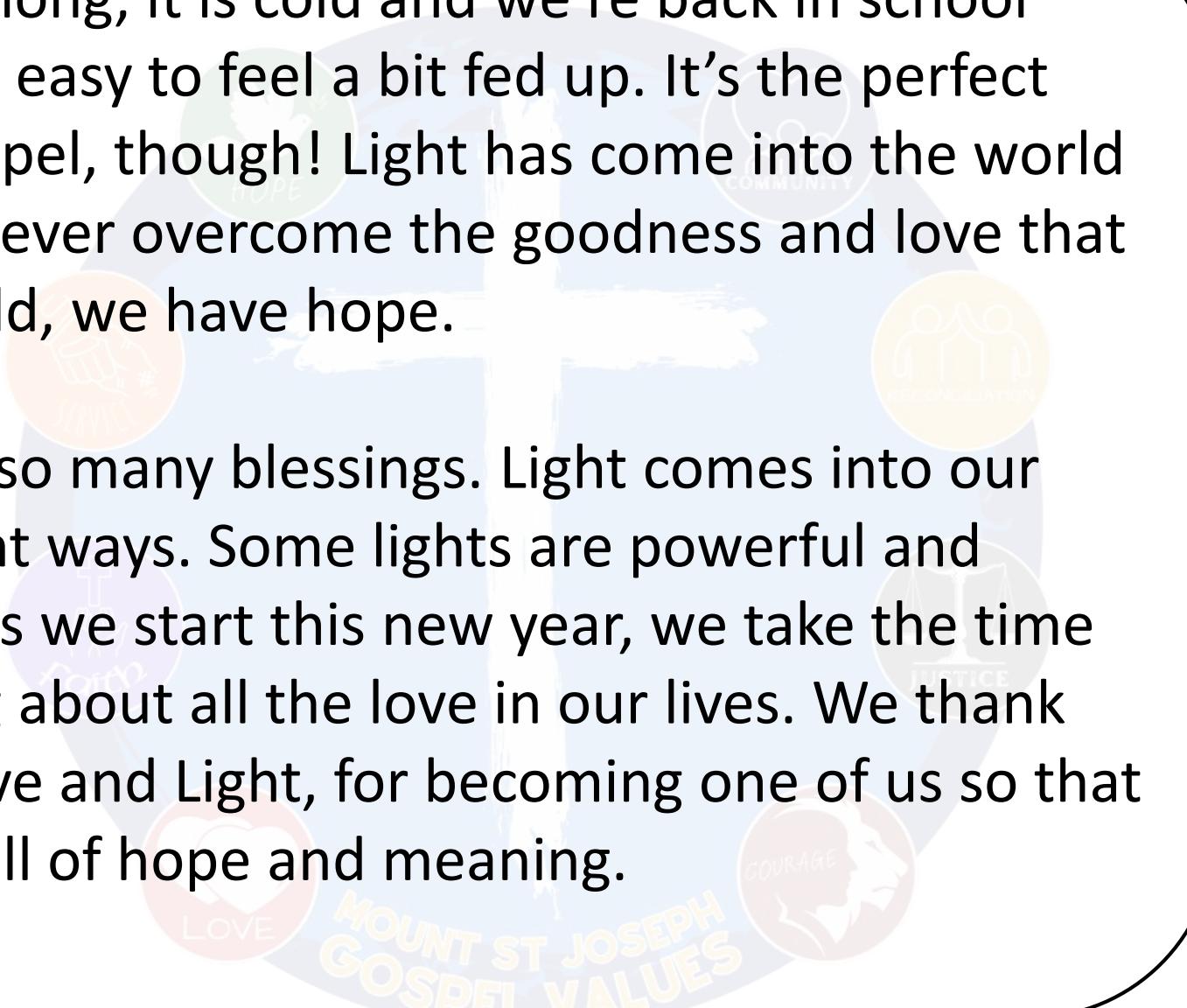




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When the nights are long, it is cold and we're back in school after the holidays it's easy to feel a bit fed up. It's the perfect time to hear this Gospel, though! Light has come into the world – and darkness will never overcome the goodness and love that is God. In a dark world, we have hope.

We have been given so many blessings. Light comes into our lives in many different ways. Some lights are powerful and others burn gently. As we start this new year, we take the time to be happy, thinking about all the love in our lives. We thank Jesus, the Lord of Love and Light, for becoming one of us so that we can enjoy a life full of hope and meaning.





God, I thank You for being the source of pure and unwavering light in my life, guiding my steps and filling me with Your grace.

As I prepare to face the challenges and blessings of this day, I am reminded of the importance of walking in the light, just as You are in the light.

Help me to love as You love, to show kindness and compassion to others, and to be a reflection of Your light in this world.